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HISTORIC PRESERVATION CERTIFICATION APPLICATION
PART 1 - EVALUATION OF SIGNIFICANCE

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL
TRUST

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Project Number:

Instructions: Read the instructions carefully before completing application. No certification will be made unless a completed application form has been received. Use typewriter or print clearly in black ink. If additional space is needed, use continuation sheets or attach blank sheets.

1. Name of property: 8 West Madison StreetAddress of property: 8 West Madison StreetCity Baltimore County _____ State Maryland Zip Code 21202Name of historic district: Mount Vernon☒ National Register district ☒ certified state or local district ☐ potential historic district

2. Check nature of request:

- ☒ certification that the building contributes to the significance of the above-named historic district for the purpose of rehabilitation.
- ☐ certification that the structure or building and, where appropriate, the land area on which such a structure or building is located contributes to the significance of the above-named historic district for a charitable contribution for conservation purposes.
- ☐ certification that the building does not contribute to the significance of the above-named district.
- ☐ preliminary determination for individual listing in the National Register.
- ☐ preliminary determination that a building located within a potential historic district contributes to the significance of the district.
- ☐ preliminary determination that a building outside the period or area of significance contributes to the significance of the district.

3. Authorized project contact:

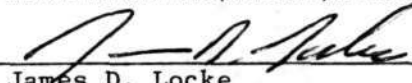
Name Edward M. Hord; Hord, Coplan, Macht, Inc. Title ArchitectStreet 2526 St. Paul Street City BaltimoreState Maryland Zip 21218 Telephone Number (during day): 301-467-7011

4. Owner:

Name James D. Locke Development CorporationStreet 518 North Charles Street City BaltimoreState Maryland Zip 21202 Telephone Number (during day): 301-962-8833

I hereby attest that the information I have provided is, to the best of my knowledge, correct, and that I own the above-named property.

Owner's Signature



Date

2/24/86Social Security Number or Taxpayer Identification Number applied for

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The National Park Service has reviewed the "Historic Preservation Certification Application - Part 1" for the above-named property and hereby determines that the property:

- ☐ contributes to the significance of the above-named district and is a "certified historic structure" for the purpose of rehabilitation.
- ☐ contributes to the significance of the above-named district and is a "certified historic structure" for a charitable contribution for conservation purposes in accordance with the Tax Treatment Extension Act of 1980.
- ☐ does not contribute to the significance of the above-named district.

Preliminary Determinations:

- ☐ appears to meet the National Register Criteria for Evaluation and will likely be listed in the National Register of Historic Places if nominated by the State Historic Preservation Officer according to the procedures set forth in 36 CFR Part 60.
- ☐ does not appear to meet the National Register Criteria for Evaluation and will likely not be listed in the National Register.
- ☐ appears to contribute to the significance of a potential historic district, which will likely be listed in the National Register of Historic Places if nominated by the State Historic Preservation Officer.
- ☐ appears to contribute to the significance of a registered historic district but is outside the period or area of significance as documented in the National Register nomination or district documentation on file with the NPS.
- ☐ does not appear to qualify as a certified historic structure.

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applied for
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5. Description of physical appearance:

The four story high, eight bay wide brick building at 8 West Madison Street features Classical decorative elements. It is built of Flemish bond brick with limestone trim. The main entrance is located along the westernmost bay. It is set into an arch flanked by Ionic engaged columns supporting a limestone pediment featuring dentils. Egg and dart molding decorates the arch. To the right of the entrance are two windows and a secondary entrance flanked by Ionic columns. Below the windows are oval designs set into limestone panels. A heavy band course completes the first floor. The six over six wood windows on the second and third floors have stone sills and lintels with emphasized end and keystones. A decorative band course above the third floor features a large ornament of garlands at the center. The fourth floor level, which features a similar style and arrangement of windows, is surmounted by a cornice and balustrade. The cornice features large modillion blocks with gutae and finials capping the balustrade. (continued)

Date of Construction: 1845 Source of Date: Baltimore Land Records & Baltimore Daily

Record 10/20/1900

Date(s) of Alteration(s): 1900 (front rebuilt and new rear addition)

Has building been moved? ☐ yes ☒ no. If so, when?

6. Statement of significance:

The house at 8 West Madison Street contributes to the character of the Mount Vernon District. Although originally built c. 1845, it was largely remodelled in 1900. This turn of the century facade retains a high degree of Classical design elements and an excellence in design which is in keeping with the fine architecture of Mount Vernon Place. Among its fine architectural details are the frontispiece entrance, engaged Ionic columns, decorative band courses and its large cornice and roof balustrade. A three and one-half story high house was apparently built here in c. 1845. For nearly fifty years it was owned and occupied by members of the Nicholson family, prominent Baltimore bankers. In 1900, Issac R. Trimble, a noted physician, purchased the property. It was remodelled by Joseph Evans Sperry, an important local architect, to include a full fourth floor level and new brick back building. The house remained in the Trimble family until 1955. (continued)

7. Photographs and maps. Attached

Attach photographs and maps to application.

Continuation sheets attached: ☐ yes ☐ no

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5. Description (continued)

The back of 8 West Madison Street is four stories high and two bays wide. A central chimney which projects from the building walls bisects the rear elevation. The second floor windows are six over six with an arched transom featuring interlaced mullions. The other windows are one over one set into a double header brick segmental arch. The eastern side of the back building includes a bowed projection near the rear.

6. Significance (continued)

Gustavus Nicholson purchased 8 West Madison Street in 1855. The adjoining house at 10 West Madison was purchased by his brother, Issac F. Nicholson, the same year. The family was prominent in banking in Baltimore. The Nicholson family came to America in 1804. Christopher Nicholson, the founder of the American branch of the family fought in the Battle of North Point. The banking firm of Issac L. Nicholson and Brother was started in 1832. The name later changed to Nicholson and Company. It was one of the leading financial establishments in Baltimore in the last half of the ~~twentieth~~ ^{NINETEENTH} century; however, the bank failed in 1892. The family was prominent in many civic concerns including Johns Hopkins University, Maryland Historical Society and reform political organizations. (continued)

Owner's Signature

[Signature]

Date

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- ☐ The National Park Service has determined that these project amendments meet the Secretary of the Interior's "Standards for Rehabilitation."
- ☐ The National Park Service has determined that these project amendments do not meet the Secretary of the Interior's "Standards for Rehabilitation."

Date

National Park Service Authorized Signature

National Park Service Office

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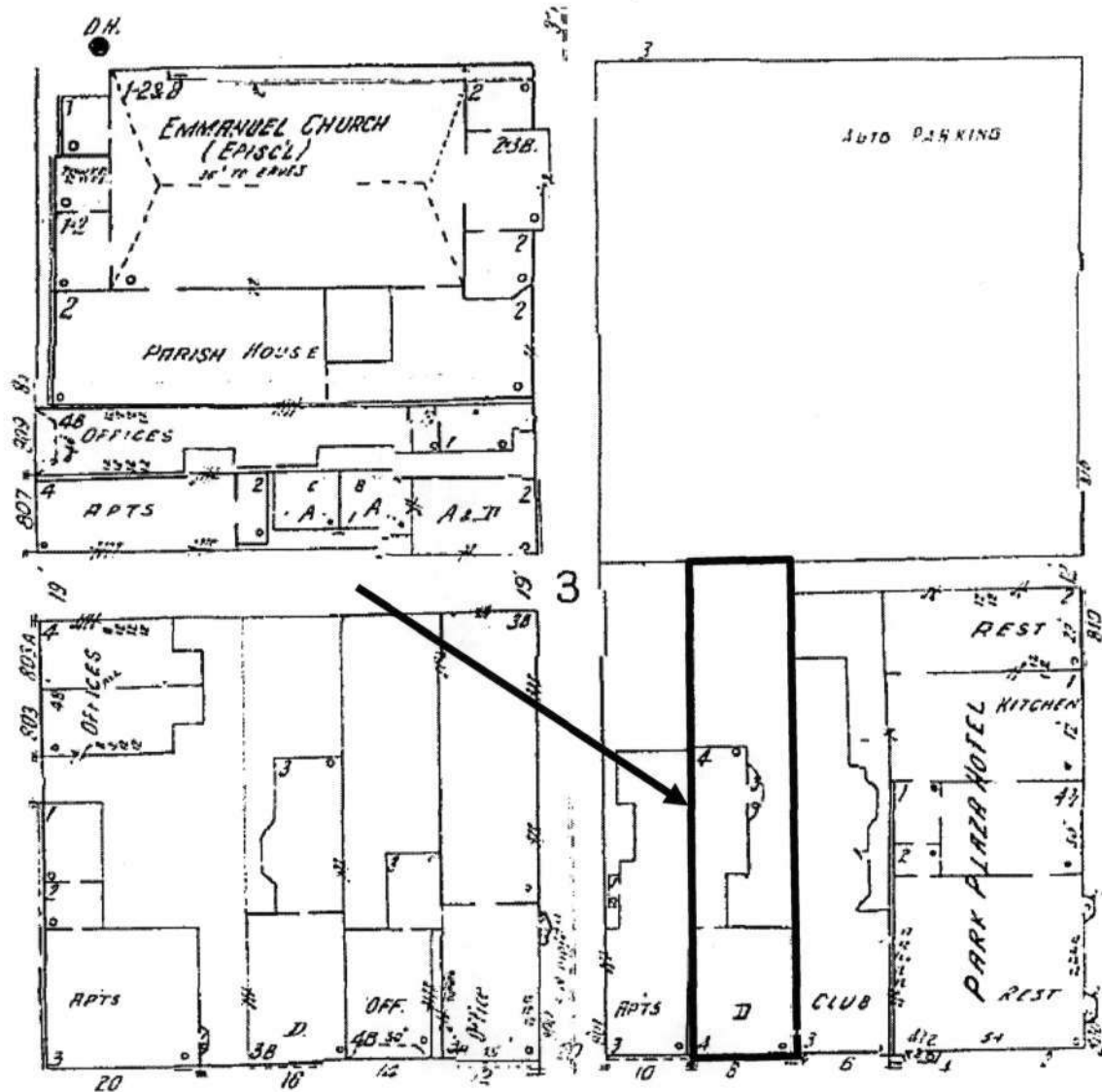
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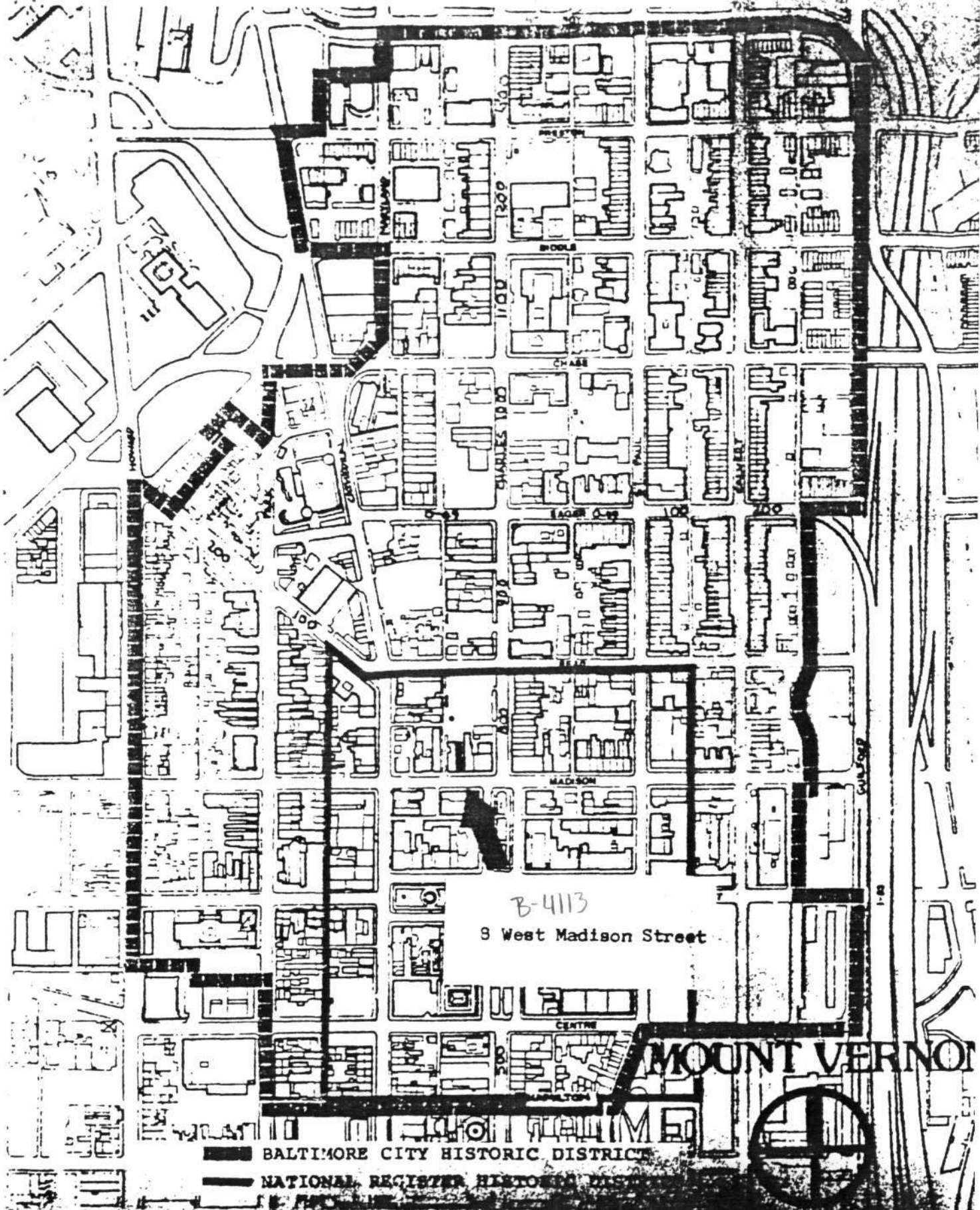
In 1900, the house was sold to Dr. Issac Ridgeway Trimble (1860-1908), a prominent surgeon. A graduate of the University of Maryland Medical School, he held many important posts including: Surgeon for B & O Railroad; Surgeon in Chief, United Railways and Electric Company; Dean of Womens' Medical College; and Assistant Surgeon, Fifth Maryland Infantry Regiment. He died of blood poisoning contracted during an operation.

Joseph Evans Sperry designed the changes made to 8 West Madison for Dr. Trimble. According to the Baltimore Daily Record of October 20, 1900, the interior of the building was thoroughly overhauled and the brick back building was erected. The Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps also indicate that the addition of the full fourth floor took place at this time. Sperry was an important local architect. He was responsible for many important buildings, including the Bromo Seltzer Tower, Equitable Building, Provident Savings Bank, Mercantile Trust Building and Eutaw Place Temple.

For nearly fifty years after Trimble's death, his son, I. Ridgeway Trimble (1900-1979) lived at 8 West Madison Avenue. He also became a prominent local doctor and is best noted for his work on developing a bullet-proof protective vest for the Army in World War II. This vest was to be used during the invasion of Japan which was called off upon the surrender of Japan after the dropping of the atomic bomb on Hiroshima and Nagasaki. After the war, he continued to work on the vest at the Edgewood Arsenal. A lightweight vest was used during the Korean War and modern adaptations are still used by many municipal police departments.

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8 W. Madison Street
Sanborn Map, 1952
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